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1. (LOU) DEMOBILIZATION: AFTER WE RECEIVED YOUR AIDAC
CABLE ON UNDP/WORLD BANK TURF BATTLES OVER DEMOBILIZATION
(KIGALI 0159), I SPOKE TO LINDA LLOYD, AF/EPS MARLENE

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URBINA, AND IO TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT UNDP AND THE BANK SHOULD COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS AND NOT WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES AND THAT POST HAS A VALID CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DELAY IN THE UNDP ROUNDTABLE. AS YOU KNOW, LINDA ATTENDED THE UNDP MEETING IN NEW YORK ON JAN. 24. SHE SAID SHE MADE IT CLEAR THAT,

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GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL DEMOBILIZATION, WE DID NOT WANT TO SEE A DELAY IN UNDP ROUNDTABLE. JEROME CHEVALLIER FROM THE BANK WAS THERE, SO HE KNOWS OUR POSITION NOW. AT THE SAME TIME, AF/EPS PASSED YOUR CONCERNS TO DEAN KLINE AT THE USED OFFICE. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH TREASURY AND REPORT BACK TO MARLENE BEFORE PASSING OUR CONCERNS TO BANK OFFICIALS. LINDA HAS DRAFTED A FRONT CHANNEL ON THE NEW YORK MEETING, WHICH IS IN THE CLEARANCE PROCESS, AND EPS PLANS A REPORT AFTER THEY HEAR BACK FROM DEAN.

2. (LOU) DEMOBILIZATION (SUITE): WE HEAR THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU ARE THINKING OF ATTENDING THE DEMOBILIZATION ROUNDTABLE IN GENEVA. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS IS SO. (OR MAYBE YOU ALREADY MENTIONED THIS TO ME AND I FORGOT?) AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF SENDING ANYONE FROM AF, SINCE AID IS ALREADY GOING AND THEY'RE THE ONES WHO WILL BE PUTTING UP WHATEVER MONEY WE HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE. (AS FOR A POSSIBLE ESF CONTRIBUTION, WE ARE STILL HOLDING OUR MEMO TO THE SIXTH FLOOR PENDING RECEIPT OF THE INFO ON WHAT OTHER DONORS MIGHT BE DOING.)

3. (C) HOUPHOUET MARGINALIA: WE UNDERSTAND THAT HABYARIMANA WILL PROBABLY ATTEND THE HOUPHOUET FUNERAL IN COTE D'IVOIRE. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT A/S MOOSE MEET WITH HIM ON THE MARGINS OF THE FUNERAL. WE WOULD USE THE BRIEF MEETING TO REINFORCE OUR MESSAGE THAT THE RWANDANS BETTER GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND FORM THE NEW GOVERNMENT ASAP. WE'LL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

4. (U) ENDLESS YEAR-END REPORTS: I JUST WANT TO TAKE

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TIME OUT TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR TIMELY SUBMISSION OF A WHOLE SLEW OF SOMETIMES ONEROUS YEAR-END REPORTS,

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BEGINNING WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, THROUGH THE MPP, THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC TRENDS, AND THE DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PLAN. (I'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ONE OR TWO.) CHURNING THESE THINGS OUT IS HARD ENOUGH WHEN YOU'RE AN SEP POST, BUT IT'S DOUBLY DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE SWAMPED WITH POLITICAL WORK, AS YOU ALL HAVE BEEN RECENTLY, AND WHEN ALL THE REPORTS SEEM TO BE DUE AROUND THE SAME TIME. PLEASE PASS MY THANKS TO YOUR STAFF, WITH SPECIAL KUDOS FOR JOYCE FOR HER HUMAN RIGHTS/DEMOCRACY WORK AND LAURA FOR THE ECON TRENDS REPORT. JUST A REMINDER, THOUGH, THAT WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR FEEDBACK CABLE ON THE MPP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS THIS YEAR'S POST REPORTING PLAN

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CAME BY TO TALK RWANDA/BURUNDI WITH ME LAST WEEK. HE SAID HE THINKS HABYARIMANA IS TO BLAME FOR THE CURRENT IMPASSE AND IS BEHIND THE PARTY SPLITS. I TOLD HIM THAT WE THINK ALL SIDES SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPASSE. THE GOOD THING ABOUT OUR POSITION IS THAT IT'S NOT ONLY RIGHT, IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO MAINTAIN OUR UNIQUE POSITION AS AN UNBIASED HONEST BROKER WHOSE ADVICE AND ADMONITIONS ARE RESPECTED BY ALL SIDES. AS YOU KNOW, THIS MADE US VERY EFFECTIVE IN ARUSHA AND SHOULD ONCE AGAIN WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE AS WE PUSH THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO FORM THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

6. (LOU) WERTHEIM CALLS: JOE WERTHEIM CALLED RECENTLY
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TO REPORT THAT HIS WORKERS AT THE TEA FACTORY ARE VERY NERVOUS AND READY TO HIT THE ROAD IN THE EVENT FIGHTING RESUMES. THE TUNISIAN UN (FORMER NMOG) MONITORS APPARENTLY TOLD JOE'S LOCAL MANAGERS THAT BOTH SIDES ARE AT HIGH ALERT. JOE ALSO REPORTS THAT THE LOCALS SAY THEY'RE HEARING MORE GRENADE EXPLOSIONS NOW THAN EVER BEFORE (EXCEPT DURING ACTUAL FIGHTING, I PRESUME). ALL IN ALL, JOE (UNDERSTANDABLY) SOUNDED PRETTY CONCERNED.

7. (U) ARD BRIEFING: JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I BRIEFED THREE AID CONTRACTORS FROM THE ASSOCIATES IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ARD) LAST WEEK, PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR RWANDA TO BEGIN WORK ON THE USAID DIG PROJECT. THE TEAM WAS HEADED BY HARLIN HOBGOOD, WHO IS APPARENTLY AN OLD USAID HAND, AND INCLUDED PASCAL

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BLACQUE-BELAIR AND A THIRD PERSON WHOSE NAME I DIDN'T
GET. ANYWAY, THEY SEEMED WELL-BRIEFED ALREADY AND
GENERALLY VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE.
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